



DAWN BUCKINGHAM
STATE SENATOR

Statement on Senate Bill 420 (PMP)

Last session, the Texas Legislature passed legislation requiring prescribers and pharmacists to utilize the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). However, the current law requires a pharmacist to check the PMP prior to providing a refill. This requirement adds administrative burden on pharmacists and can cause delays for consumers as the most widely abused drugs,

Schedule II's, are not even eligible for refills. Also, if a person tries to obtain a new prescription duplicative of their refilled prescription, then both the prescriber and the pharmacy will see the person already has an active prescription with refills. Senate Bill 420 eliminates this unnecessary burden on pharmacists by requiring PMP for only new prescriptions.

###

